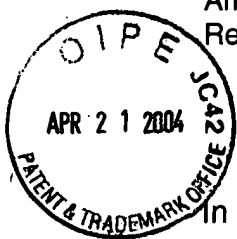


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- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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